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## Honoring Our Veterans



Dear Friends,

As a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, I learn every week about the bravery of our military service members. The sacrifices they make to defend our freedom are truly awe inspiring, and we owe them an immeasurable debt. From the earliest days of the Republic, caring for our returning soldiers has been a sacred duty of Congress. And while it is important that we take the time to demonstrate our appreciation throughout the year, each Veterans Day is a special opportunity to show our gratitude to [the thousands of veterans who reside here in Rhode Island](#).

November 11 was chosen as Veterans Day because it is the day World War One ended, and this year's commemorations were particularly poignant as they fell on the 100th anniversary of that armistice. Over the weekend, I joined several of my colleagues in federal and state government at the [WaterFire Salute to Veterans](#) lighting ceremony. This particular edition of one of Rhode Island's iconic traditions served as a fitting tribute to those who have served in uniform. I also had the pleasure of participating in the North

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## Save The Date

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Health Source RI's open enrollment period closes December 31. Make sure you purchase or make any desired changes to your health coverage before the end of the year.

## Did You Know...?

### A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM

You can order U.S. flags from my office, including ones that have been flown over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. >>

### FAST FACT

The Roger Williams Park Zoo has opened its new "Faces of the Rainforest" exhibit, which brings over 100 species from the Amazon Rainforest to Rhode Island. >>

## In Other News

### REMEMBERING A PRESIDENT

Rep. Langevin joined CNN's John King to discuss President George H.W.

Kingstown Veterans Day Parade. From Wickford Village to North Kingstown High School, it was wonderful to see so many Rhode Islanders on the parade route.

More recently, I was pleased to help usher legislation through the House of Representatives to [memorialize](#) Army Captain Matthew J. August, a North Kingstown native who was tragically killed in action when his convoy was ambushed in 2004. Captain August was the first Rhode Islander to be killed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This legislation will designate the post office in Saunderstown as the "Captain Matthew J. August Post Office" in his honor.

If you are a veteran in need of assistance with your benefits, I encourage you to call my Rhode Island office at (401) 732-9400. For more information on veterans' issues and my visits around the Second District, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### Getting Down to Small Business

Small businesses are the heart and soul of retail districts here in the Ocean State. On "Small Business Saturday," I joined the [Rhode Island SBA](#) and my colleagues in the federal delegation to celebrate the local shops and restaurants that line the Main Streets of communities across the state. Shopping small is a great way to support the local economy and find unique gifts for your loved ones this holiday season.



### Reducing Waste

The [Center for EcoTechnology](#) was recently awarded a federal grant to help address the issue of food waste in Rhode Island. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, [up to 40% of the food in the country goes uneaten](#). This grant will help restaurants and other businesses find cost-effective ways to reduce this waste through composting or programs aimed at battling food insecurity.

Bush and his enduring legacy as a champion for people with disabilities. >>

### OVERSIGHT NEEDED

Rep. Langevin called for increased Congressional oversight of the Department of Defense's new cybersecurity strategy. >>

### SUPPORTING FIREFIGHTERS

Rep. Langevin joined Senator Jack Reed to announce over \$200K in federal grant funding to help the Kingston Fire District attract more volunteers. >>

### BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE

Rep. Langevin celebrated the ground breaking of the new Pawtucket-Central Falls commuter rail and bus station. >>

### CREATING SAFE HOMES

*The Atlantic* highlighted the troubling phenomenon of "second-chance adoptions" and Rep. Langevin's efforts to protect children from unregulated custody transfers. >>

### SECURING ELECTIONS

Rep. Langevin hosted one of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's top cybersecurity officials to discuss Rhode Island's leadership in election security. >>

### ADVANCING AQUACULTURE

Rep. Langevin announced nearly \$750K in funding to support the development of the aquaculture workforce in Rhode Island. >>

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